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From: Creger, Tim [tim.creger@nebraska.gov]
Sent: 8/6/2020 3:20:27 PM
To: Green, Jamie [Green.Jamie@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Notes on AltEn and KS ethanol facility

Jamie,

One other thing I'd like you to know about the AltEn situation that I could not bring up during the call is that an entomologist with UNL, Dr. Judy Wu-Smart, has research honeybees on the UNL Mead research farm about 1.5 miles south of the AltEn site, and is concerned that continued bee kills in her hives there are due to the bees either eating the wetcake or drinking the contaminated water. I've tried to help her understand we can't do much to help her from a regulatory standpoint, other than suggest additional research with USDA funds, but she is young and energetic, and will probably continue to raise concerns with us and NDEE about the site.

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From: Green, Jamie <Green.Jamie@epa.gov>
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To: Creger, Tim <tim.creger@nebraska.gov>
Subject: RE: Notes on AltEn and KS ethanol facility

Thanks Tim

From: Creger, Tim <tim.creger@nebraska.gov>
Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2020 9:40 AM
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Jaime,

The name of the ethanol facility that uses treated seed is ESE Alcohol of Leoti, KS. Their Director of Operations is Rob Carson, and he can be reached at 620-375-4904. I spoke with him personally in April of 2019, when he told me that the company is a family owned facility of around 5,000 acres, and they only accept and process enough treated seed to let them use the wetcake on their own property on a rotating basis.

As for who I spoke with at HQ about this, it was Venus Eagle, who made many of the labeling and registration decisions for Bayer in 2012 that placed the ethanol statement on the seed label, Meredith Laws, Donna Davis and Mike Goodis. I believe Donna is the risk assessor, for lack of a better term. She was the one I spoke to the most about the neonic registration decisions that set risk quotients in the previous registration decision.

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